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Aided Elementary Schools

* 201 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the teachers retrenched from aided elementary schools that opted as fee-levying from 1st June 1959 have been paid their salaries for the period of break in their service caused by such retrenchment; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The retrenched teachers were absorbed in the schools under the Local Bodies as quickly as possible. No further relief was considered necessary in their case.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Did the Government take statistics as to the number of teachers retrenched, as to how long they remained unemployed and as to how much it would cost the Government if they paid their salaries?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As the Government do not propose to give any further relief, I do not think any useful purpose will be served by collecting statistics.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do not the Government think it is their responsibility to pay for this particular period? After all, it is a matter of Rs. 38,000. Should not the Government come forward to give relief to the teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is not the Government's responsibility, particularly when they are employed in private institutions. If some changes took place, the Government have gone out of the way to provide them with employment as quickly as possible.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do Government admit that on account of their policies these teachers had to be without jobs for one to three months?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That policy was adopted for the general good of the community and some people would have to suffer.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Government would have given grants regularly to these schools . . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no use of arguing these cases I have given out the facts. I do not think arguments will serve any useful purpose particularly during Question Hour.

Fee concession

* 202 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend fee concessions to the children of lecturers of colleges also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.